

A Response to the Restriction Requirement:

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-21 were pending at the time the Restriction Requirement was issued on September 30, 2003. Claims 1 and 20-21 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. In view of the fact that the amendment relates only to corresponding to the election of the Group II invention (as made below), it does not, in any way, affect the scope of the claim or range of equivalents to which the elements in the claims are entitled. Claims 2-19, therefore, are currently pending.

B. Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the Group II invention, as exemplified by claims 2-19. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims directed to the non-elected inventions in continuing applications.

C. Conclusion

Applicants believes this to be a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 30, 2003. It is believed that no fee is due for filing this Response to the Restriction Requirement. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/UTSG:240US.